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## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Jocelyn D. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk and Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia South Carolina 29211

RE: FCC ANNUAL LIFELINE ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CERTIFICATION FORM 555

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's *Report and Order*<sup>1</sup> requiring eligible telecommunications carriers to re-certify the eligibility of their Lifeline subscribers and to report the results to the Federal Communications Commission, Universal Service Administrative Company and to state commission and Tribal governments, CenturyLink hereby submits its 2013 Lifeline re-certification results for the state of South Carolina.

Please contact me at (803) 252-4505 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

M. Zel Gilbert

State Regulatory and Legislative Affairs

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Director - SC/GA

cc: Elizabeth Ford, Office of Regulatory Staff

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Lifeline and Link Up, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 6656, 6715-16 ¶ 132 (2012); 47 C.F.R. § 54.416. Also see Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 12947 (2013).

### Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form

All carriers must complete all or portions of all sections
Form must be submitted to USAC and filed with the Federal Communications Commission

## IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Deadline: January 31st (Annually)

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State (An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) must provide a c	certification form for each state in which it provides Lifeline service).
240506	CenturyLink United Telephone of the Carolinas-SC (FKA Embarq
Study Area Code(s) (SAC)	ETC Name(s)
Century Link, Inc.	CenturyLink of the Carolinas
Holding Company Name(s)	DBA, Marketing or Other Branding Name(s)
Affiliated ETCs (include names and SACs, attach additional sheets if necessary)	-See Attached Sheet-

Provide a list of all ETCs that are affiliated with the reporting ETC. Affiliation shall be determined in accordance with section 3(2) of the Communications Act. That Section defines "affiliate" as "a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person." 47 U.S.C. § 153(2). See also 47 C.F.R. § 76.1200.

For purposes of this filing, an officer is an occupant of a position listed in the article of incorporation, articles of formation, or other similar legal document. An officer is a person who occupies a position specified in the corporate bylaws (or partnership agreement), and would typically be president, vice president for operations, vice president for finance, comptroller, treasurer, or a comparable position. If the filer is a sole proprietorship, the owner must sign the certification

#### Section 1: All ETCs MUST COMPLETE SECTION 1- Initial Certification

I certify that the company listed above has certification procedures in place either to:

- A) Review income and program-based eligibility documentation prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company was presented with documentation of each consumer's household income and/or program-based eligibility prior to his or her enrollment in Lifeline or
- B) Confirm consumer eligibility by relying upon access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program.

I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. Initial JMA

# Section 2: All ETCs MUST COMPLETE SECTION 2— Annual Recertification Do not leave empty columns. If an ETC has nothing to report in a column, enter a zero.

A	В	C
Number of Subscribers Claimed on February FCC Form(s) 497 of current Form 555 calendar year	Number of Lines Claimed on February FCC Form(s) 497 of current Form 555 calendar year provided to Wireline Resellers	Number of Subscribers claimed on the February FCC Form(s) 497 that were initially enrolled in current Form 555 calendar year
653	0	51

Initial the certifications below that apply to your ETC and complete the tables corresponding to the certification below. Depending on the state, BOTH CERTIFICATION A AND B MAY APPLY.

A) I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify the continued eligibility of all of its Lifeline subscribers, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company obtained signed certifications from all subscribers attesting to their continuing eligibility for Lifeline. Results are provided in the chart below. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. Initial JMA

D	Е	F =D-E	G	H = (F+G)	I
Number of Subscribers ETC Contacted Directly to Recertify Eligibility Through Attestation	Number of Subscribers Responding to ETC Contact	Number of Non- Responding Subscribers	Number of Subscribers Responding That They Are No Longer Eligible	Number of Subscribers De-enrolled or Scheduled to be De- Enrolled as a Result of Non-Response or Ineligibility	Number of Subscribers Who De-Enrolled Prior to Recertification Attempt
577	381	196	0	196	40

#### AND/OR

In the space below, please list the program eligibility data sources, such as ETC access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator or the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and indicate for which qualifying programs (e.g., SNAP, SSI) these sources are used to verify subscriber eligibility. If any of subscribers are subsequently contacted directly by the ETC in an attempt to recertify eligibility, those subscribers should be listed in columns D through I as appropriate and not in columns J through L.

B) I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to re-certify consumer eligibility by relying on \_\_\_\_\_\_. Results are provided in the chart below. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

J	K	L
Number of Subscribers Whose Eligibility was Reviewed By State Administrator ETC Access to Eligibility Data or by USAC	Number of Subscribers De-Enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled as a Result of Finding of Ineligibility by State Administrator, ETC Access to Eligibility Data or USAC	Number of Subscribers Who De-Enrolled Prior to Recertification Attempt
0	0	0

#### OR

C) I certify that my company did not claim federal low income support for any Lifeline subscribers for the February Form 497 data month for the current Form 555 calendar year. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Section 3</u>: ALL ETCS MUST COMPLETE SECTION 3 –De-enroll percentage What is the percentage of subscribers de-enrolled for this ETC?

M	N	0	P = N + O	$Q = ((P \div M) * 100)$
Number of Subscribers Claimed on February FCC Form(s) 497 (From Column A)	Number of Subscribers De- Enrolled or Scheduled to be De- Enrolled as a Result of Non-Response or Ineligibility (From Column H)	Number of Subscribers De- Enrolled or Scheduled to be De- Enrolled as a Result of a Finding of Ineligibility  (From Column K)	Total Number of Subscribers De-Enrolled or Scheduled to be De-E nrolled	Percentage of Subscribers De-Enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled that were Claimed on the February FCC Form(s) 497
653	196	0	196	30%

Section 4: ALL ETCS MUST COMPLETE APPROPRIATE CHECK BOX; PRE-PAID ETCS MUST COMPLETE ALL OF SECTION 4

Is the ETC Pre-Pai	ie ETC	Pre-P	aid?
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Yes		No	✓	(A Pre-Paid ETC does not assess or collect a monthly fee from its Lifeline subscribers)
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If yes, record the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month in column S below.

## Non-Usage Results Applicable to Pre-Paid ETCs:

R	S
Month	Subscribers De-Enrolled for Non-Usage
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

## Signature Block: ALL ETCS MUST COMPLETE SIGNATURE FIELDS

By signing below, I certify that the company listed above is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above.

FCC Form 555 December 2013

S	ig	n	e	d	,

Jerry M. Allen	Jerry M. Allen
Signature of Officer	Printed Name of Officer
Vice President of Revenues	Jan-24-14
Title of Officer	Date
Tom Nehls	720-578-5324
Person Completing this Certification Form	Contact Phone Number

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**ETC Identification** 

SAC	ETC Name	
240506	enturyLink United Telephone of the Carolinas-SC (FKA Embar	

**Holding Company Name(s)** 

SAC	Holding Company Name
240506	CenturyLink, Inc.

DBA, Marketing or Other Branding Name(s)

SAC	Name
240506	CenturyLink of the Carolinas

## **Affiliated ETCs**

	Affiliated ETCs
SAC	Name
330884	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Forestville LLC
331159	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Central Wisconsin LLC
351274	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Postville Inc.
535163	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
331155	CenturyLink Telephone USA of Wisconsin LLC
465102	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
401727	CenturyLink CenturyTel of South Arkansas Inc.
442101	Century Link CenturyTel of Lake Dallas Inc.
330895	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Wisconsin LLC
365142	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
401720	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Redfield Inc.
552348	CenturyLink Central Telephone Co. of Nevada (FKA)
330898	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Laresen-Readfield LLC
442084	CenturyLink United Telephone Co of Texas Inc. FKA Embarq
401711	CenturyTel of Mountain Home Inc.
190567	CenturyLink United Telephone-Southeast Inc. (FKA Embarq)
401705	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Arkansas Inc.
230485	CenturyLink MebTel Inc.
485104	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
515108	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
320747	CenturyTel of Central Indiana Inc.
330913	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Monroe County LLC
475103	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
330924	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Midwest-Kendall LLC
330922	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin (Northwest)
455101	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
230471	enturyLink Central Telephone Co. North Carolina(FKA Embar-
330934	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin (Northwest)
230470	CenturyLink Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co FKA Embar
411317	enturyLink United Telephone Co-Eastern Kansas (FKA Embaro
330931	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Southern Wisconsin LLC
462208	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Colorado Inc.
341057	CenturyLink Gallatin River Communications LLC
371595	CenturyLink United Telephone Co. of the West (FKA Embarq)
250298	CenturyLink Gulf Telephone Company
280458	CenturyLink CenturyTel of North Mississippi Inc.
310702	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Michigan Inc.
401143	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Russellville
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429786	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Missouri LLC
429787	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Missouri LLC
330950	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Northwest Wisconsin LLC
429784	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Missouri LLC
429785	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Missouri LLC
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SAC	Name	
330956	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Northern Wisconsin LLC	
401144	Century Tel of Mammoth Spring Jacksonville	
310689	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Upper Michigan Inc.	
330959	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin (Northwe	
300630	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Ohio Inc.	
505107	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation	
160138	CenturyLink United Telphone Co. of New Jersey (FKA Emba	
270423	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Central Louisiana LLC	
411957	CenturyLink-Embarq Missouri Inc (FKA Embarq)	
270427	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Chatham LLC	
270424	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Southeast Louisiana LLC	
330970	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin (Northwest	
270431	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Northwest Louisiana Inc.	
310705	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Northern Michigan Inc.	
290574	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegdale Inc.	
270434	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Evangeline LLC	
310671	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Midwest-Michigan Inc.	
270436	CenturyLink CenturyTel of North Louisana LLC	
270439	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Ringgold LLC	
270440	CenturyLink CenturyTel of East Louisiana LLC	
511595	CenturyLink United Telephone Co. of the West (FKA Embarq	
270442	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Southwest Louisiana LLC	
290567	CenturyLink United Telephone-Southeast Inc. (FKA Embarq)	
259789	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Alabama (Northern and Southern)	
259788	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Alabama (Northern and Southern)	
300661	CenturyLink United Telephone Co. of Ohio FKA Embarq	
355141	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation	
421151	CenturyLink Spectra Communications Group LLC	
170209	enturyLink United Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania FKA Embar	
361445	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Minnesota Inc.	
495105	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation	
220356	CenturyLink Quest Corporation  CenturyLink Coastal Utilities Inc.	
290552	Century Link Control Teles Inc.	
290557	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Adamsville Inc.	
320832	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Claiborne Inc.	
361456	Century Link United Telephone Co. of Indiana (FKA Embarq)	
395145	CenturyLink - Embarq Minnesota Inc (FKA Embarq)	
552223	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation	
240506	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Gem State (Nevada)	
522400	enturyLink United Telephone of the Carolinas-SC (FKA Embar	
210341	enturyLink United Telephone Co of the Northwest(FKA Embar	
492274	CenturyLink-Embarq Florida Inc. (FKA Embarq)	
522410	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Southwest (New Mexico)	
522408	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Cowiche Inc.	
322700	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Washington Inc.	

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SAC Affiliated ETCs		
	Name	
482249	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Montana Inc.	
411842	CenturyLink United Telephone Co - Kansas (EVA Embara	
190254	CenturyLink Central Telephone Co. of Virginia (FKA Emba	
421957	CenturyLink-Embarq Missouri Inc (FKA Embarq)	
532361	ryTel of Eastern Oregon Inc., CenturyLink CenturyTel of Ore	
351126	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Chester Inc.	
472223	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Gem State (Nevada)	
525161	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation	
462187	Century Link The El Page Court T. L.	
330841	CenturyLink CenturyTeleofel County Telephone Company	
462185	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin (Northwest	
375143	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Eagle Inc.	
512299	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation	
442114	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Wyoming Inc.	
330857	CenturyLink Central Telephone Co. of Texas FKA Embarq	
385144	Century Link Century Tel of the Midwest-Wisconsin (Northwe	
442117	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation	
475162	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Port Aransas Inc.	
320801	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation	
472225	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Odon Inc.	
330877	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Idaho Inc	
532400	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Fairwater-Brandon Alto LLC	
	enturyLink United Telephone Co of the Northwest FK A Emba	
442140	CenturyLink CenturyTel of San Marcos Inc.	